

**Midweek Fall Evening Series - Malletts Bay Boat Club - Colchester, VT USA**

**1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

1.1. This series is organized Malletts Bay Boat Club (MBBC).

**2. RULES**

2.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current the Racing Rules of Sailing, as adopted by the US SAILING Association, these instructions, and notices.

**3. ELIGIBILITY/REGISTRATION:**

- 3.1. Open to all boats sailing in class A/B, C/D, L, J, or JAM. Traditionally, this series provides informal racing and provides the beginning racer, or the owner of a non-class boat the opportunity to participate.
- 3.2. Before the first warning signal, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat and hail their sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee (RC) repeating their number.
- 3.3. The class you start with in your first race will be the class in which you are scored for the rest of that series
- 3.4. The RC will monitor VHF channel 12.

**4. CLASSES:**

- Class A: Spinnaker (full race) PHRF Handicap 99 and lower
- Class B: Spinnaker (full race) PHRF Handicap 102-144
- Class C: Spinnaker (full race) PHRF Handicap 147-177
- Class D: Spinnaker (full race) PHRF Handicap 180 and higher
- Class JAM: Non-spinnaker (maximum rated PHRF genoa)
- Class J: J24 One Design Class.
- Class L: Centerboard boats normally sailed by a crew of two or more  
*L Class will use the Portsmouth Handicap system*

**5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

5.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the lower level of MBBC.

**6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

**7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole.
- 7.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with ' not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

**8. SCHEDULE OF STARTS**

Start Times and Sequence

	Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
L & JAM	White	1755	1756	1800
A/B - C/D -J	Red	1800	1801	1805

**9. RACING AREA & COURSES**

- 9.1. Racing area will be the Inner Malletts Bay. Races will start approximately ¼ mile east of MBBC.
- 9.2. Course 2WL may be a windward or leeward start.

**10. MARKS**

- 10.1. All marks will be orange, yellow or green shapes.
- 10.2. A buoy may be tethered to the stern of the Signal Boat. This buoy will be considered part of the Signal Boat.

**11. THE START and FINISH**

- 11.1. Races will be started using rule 26
- 11.2. The starting line will be between the windward side of a mark to port of the Signal Boat and an orange flag displayed on the Signal Boat.
- 11.3. The finish line will be between the windward side of a mark and the Signal Boat displaying an orange flag:  
See Diagram A

**12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

12.1. The RC may use VHF channel 12 to broadcast race information. The RC may attempt to identify premature starters by broadcasting their sail numbers on VHF channel 12. However, it is the individual skipper's responsibility to start properly. Failure of a boat to see, hear, or interpret a recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to properly start, nor shall it be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers or failure of the RC to broadcast recall numbers shall not be grounds for redress.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

**14. TIME LIMITS**

14.1. Boats not finished more than 1.0 hours after their class start will be scored TLE. (time limit expired)

**15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1. Protest will be delivered to the RC within the protest time limit. The protest and redress time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat arrives at the dock, signaled by a sound. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the RC.

**16. SCORING**

16.1. Appendix A. Low point.

16.2. After the 5th race, one race gets excluded.

16.3. Canceled races do not count in the overall score and cannot be used as the excluded score

**17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1. Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations class rules, and US Sailing.

17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

**18. PRIZES**

18.1. Monthly awards presented at the month end cookout. Series awards are presented at the Annual Banquet.

**19. DIAGRAM A**

